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SUBJECT: U.S.-VN RELATIONS: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON  
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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY MESSAGE TO INFORM AND TASK  
ADDRESSES CONCERNING THE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL  
COMMISSION ON AMERICANS MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. THE COMMISSION WILL SEEK INFORMATION ON, AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF MIA AND BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE VIETNAMESE VIEWS ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE AGREED TO RECEIVE THE COMMISSION. LAOS HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO OUR PROPOSAL TO SEND THE COMMISSION AND CAMBODIA HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN APPROACHED.

3. UAW PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK CHAIRS THE COMMISSION. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE:

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THE POINT OF ORIGIN FOR TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIR.

5. THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY, ASSUMING LAO CONCURRENCE  
IN THE VISIT IS:

MARCH 13 LV WASHINGTON 1200  
-- AR HONOLULU 2000  
MARCH 14 LV HONOLULU 1400  
MARCH 15 AR CLARK FIELD 1800  
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MARCH 16 LV CLARK FIELD 1200 MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
-- AR HANOI 1430  
MARCH 19 LV HANOI 0900 MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
-- AR BANGKOK 1200  
MARCH 20 LV BANGKOK 1600  
-- AR VIENTIANE 1700  
MARCH 21 LV VIENTIANE 1600  
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MARCH 22 LV CLARK FIELD 0900  
-- AR HONOLULU 0100  
MARCH 23 LV HONOLULU 1200  
MARCH 24 AR WASHINGTON 0600

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7. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUESTED:

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